

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

HYMN ELW #396 v. 1, 2, 4 - **Spirit of Gentleness**

Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **To Refrain**

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **To Refrain**

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise. **To Refrain**

LITANY

For us, you created
mountains and valleys,
hummingbirds and albatross,
mustard seeds and redwoods,
wild animals and beloved pets.
We praise you, creative God.

In us, you created
hearts that long for wholeness,
minds that seek understanding,
senses that experience Creation,
and a divine spark of your holy image.
We praise you, creative God.

With us, you are creating
stories of life beyond death,
songs of hope beyond despair,
meals of abundance beyond greed,
and visions of heaven on earth.
We praise you, creative God.

May we create
blessings for our neighbors,
peace in our communities,
and harmony with the Holy Trinity.
Amen.

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **your creativity is apparent in the stark, simple beauty of nature. In a butterfly's life cycle or the changing of seasons, we find stability, order, and intention. In the complex stories of our lives, however, we struggle to find that same clarity. Help us to trust that your goodness is expressed perfectly in the slow unfolding of history. Even when it's hard to recognize, may we search for the saving love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BIBLE READING

John 3:14-21

HYMN ELW # 801 - **Change My Heart, O God**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953 Text © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

TEXT OF THE DAY Acts 2:1-13

MESSAGE ***Altered Through God's Creativity***

HYMN ELW #401 v. 1, 2, 3, 5 - **Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading**

Refrain: Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema. Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema.
Come, Come, Come Holy Spirit, come. Come, Come, Come Holy Spirit, come.

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.

Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. **To Refrain**

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. **To Refrain**

5 Keep us fervent in our witness; unswayed by earth's allure.

Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. **To Refrain**

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

PRAYERS (Following each petition is the response:)

Pastor: O God, our heart's desire, grant us peace and in your mercy, All: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

People of God,

May you be disrupted ...

altered....

and transformed

As you pursue the Holy Spirit

out ahead of you.

May the power of the Holy Trinity +

bless you

this day and every day.

Amen.

Offering plates will be at the doors. Cash offerings will be divided between local food pantries and the NW Synod of WI project for building two new wells in our companion synod in Malawi, Africa, "Water Is Life." Thank you for your generosity which supports the needs of our neighbors near and far.